

# “What you need to know about the GI Bill”



# STATE APPROVING AGENCY



## Mission Statement

The Georgia SAA is designated by law with the responsibility for approving and supervising Georgia educational institutions and training establishments which offer **education** and **training** to veterans under Titles 10 and 38 of the U.S. Code (GI Bill).

# What does the Department of Veterans Affairs Offer?



- Disability Compensation
- VA Pensions
- Health Care
- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
- **Education and Training (the GI Bill)**
- Home Loan Guaranty
- VA Life Insurance
- Dependents & Survivor's Benefits
- Burial and Memorial Benefits



## The GI Bill

- GI Bill of Rights Act was passed on June 22, 1944.
- Uninterrupted through today
- Two main programs: Education and Training
- **Training benefits relatively unknown to veterans**
- Can be used for college degree, technical, vocational, On-The-Job training, apprenticeship, correspondence, and flight training programs.

# Educational and Training Programs

- Degree and Non-Degree
- Technical and Vocational Schools
- OJT/Apprenticeship Training
- Correspondence (Ch 30)
- Test Reimbursement (limited to prep exams)
- Flight Schools (60%)

# GI Bill Chapters of Eligibility

- Active Duty
- Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill (Ch 30)
- Chapter 1606 – Must be currently on active drill status
- Other Benefit Programs
- Dependent Education Assistance (Ch 35)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (Ch 31)

# Post 9/11 GI Bill Facts

- Can be transferred to your spouse or eligible dependents before separating from active service
- Consider depleting Chapter 30 before switching to Chapter 33
- Veterans can apply online (VONAPP) or VA Form 22-1990
- Letter of eligibility confirms chapter, rate, delimiting date
- Yellow Ribbon requires 100% entitlement rate
- Active duty does not receive books or BAH allowances



# Post 9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Generally, benefits are payable for 15 years following your release from active duty. This program is also commonly known as Chapter 33.



# Colmery Act

- The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act, also known as the “Forever GI Bill,” was passed by Congress and signed into law last August. The service must occur on or after June 30, 2008.
- Post-9/11 eligible service members who left the service after January 1, 2013.

# Montgomery GI Bill MGIB-AD

The MGIB program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty. This program is also commonly known as Chapter 30.

# Other Benefit Programs

**Dependents' Educational Assistance program** provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 36 months of education benefits. These benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. If you are a spouse, you may take a correspondence course. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Also known as Chapter 35.

# Vocational Rehabilitation

A veteran may be eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) benefits if he or she:

- Has received, or will receive, a discharge that is other than dishonorable
- Has a service-connected disability rating of at least 10%, or a memorandum rating of 20% or more from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)
- Applies for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Vet Success services
- Contact VOC Rehab at (404) 929-3152

# Current Benefit Rates

## Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

### Institutional Training

The Post-9/11 GI Bill program is comprised of multiple payments. All payments and maximum amounts listed on this page are applicable to individuals eligible for the full benefit (100% eligibility tier). If you are not eligible for the full benefit, the payment and maximum amounts listed will be prorated based on your **eligibility percentage**.

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill you may receive a:

- Tuition & fee payment sent directly to the school
- Monthly housing allowance sent to you
- Books and supplies stipend sent to you
- One-time rural benefit for certain veterans

# Current Benefit Rates

## Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

### Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training

- The payment rate will be as follows:
- 100% of your applicable BAH the first 6 months of training
- 80% of your applicable BAH the second 6 months of training
- 60% of your applicable BAH the third 6 months of training
- 40% of your applicable BAH the fourth 6 months of training
- 20% of your applicable BAH the remainder of the training

**\*Apprentice and OJT rates are based on the zip code of the training facility.**

# Current Benefit Rates

## Effective October 1, 2019

Montgomery GI Bill A/D (Chapter 30)

Institutional Training

Training time	Monthly Rate
Full-time	\$2,050.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	\$1,537.50
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	\$1,025.00
Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time more than $\frac{1}{4}$ time	\$1,025.00
$\frac{1}{4}$ time or less	\$512.50



# Current Benefit Rates

## Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training Montgomery GI Bill A/D (Chapter 30)

Training period	Monthly Rate
First six months of training	\$1,537.50
Second six months of training	\$1,127.50
Remainder of training	\$717.50

\*For more information about training rates please visit the GI Bill website under Benefit Resources and select “Rate Tables.”



## On the Job Training

- Over 1,600 approved training facilities in Georgia
- Private businesses
- State and local government
- Georgia #1 in active OJT accounts
- Employer record keeping is minimal
- Veterans must be employed full-time
- Veteran must work a minimum of 30 hours per week
- Training programs can be approved for at least 6 months but not more than 24 months



## The OJT Approval Process

- Contact State Approval Agency (SAA)
- Submit veteran's Training Request (application)
- SAA responds to employer
- Employer and SAA review Training Program
- Approval Visit
- Approval sent to Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- Veteran's enrollment packet submitted to VA
- VA Processing time: about 3-4 months



## Provisions of Approval

- Trainee **supervised** 50% or more; formal training not required
- **No commission**; only salaried or hourly employees
- Veteran earns same wage as other employees in the same position
- The facility maintains attendance, progress, and pay records and notifies the SAA if employment is terminated.



## Eligibility

- Depending on the type of GI Bill eligibility benefits generally expire 10 or 15 years from separation from active service, Colmery Act “forever benefits”
- Veteran is newly hired or recently promoted
- Eligible for the GI Bill (Honorable discharge)
- National Guard and Active Reserve may be eligible
- Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP)



## Employer Benefits

- Recruiting incentive
- Retention tool
- Quality employee
- Morale
- Minimal administrative requirements for supervisors

# What kind of jobs are eligible for the OJT program?

Airframe & power plant mechanic police officer  
state trooper Deputy Sheriff Medical Records  
Specialist Dental Hygienist X-Ray Technician diesel  
mechanic  
corrections officer millwright cardiovascular tech  
electrician fire fighter HVAC contracting officer  
avionics tech plumber carpenter energy control  
operator graphic designer GREENS KEEPER  
sprinkler installer sales representative heavy  
equipment operator Electrical lineman  
Automotive Technician Dietician Physical  
Therapist Food Inspector Benefits Coordinator  
HR Technician Executive Chef Banking Specialist  
Financial Planner Accounting Clerk Computer



# Okay, so how do I apply for the OJT program?

Submit the VSO Form 55 Application for OJT/Apprenticeship training.

- Employer completes section 1 of the form.
- Veteran completes section 2
- Fax or mail the VSO Form 55 to the SAA
- SAA reviews application and processes the enrollment packet
- Veteran mails enrollment packet to VA
- VA processes benefits usually within 60-120 days

# Veterans Outreach Sources

- Transition Assistance Programs
- Local Veterans Employment Representation at Department of Labor Career Centers
- Veteran's job fairs/career expos
- Veteran's supermarket (December 5, 2012)
- eBenefits
- [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov)
- [www.military.com](http://www.military.com)

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# Local Area Veteran Service Organizations

Georgia Department of Veterans Service

2 MLK Jr. Dr. Atlanta, Ga. 30334

404-656-2300

GDOL – (DVOP & LVER's)

How to contact the VA

Muskogee VA Regional Office

P.O. Box 8888

Muskogee, Georgia 74402-8888

VA Toll Free Assistance Line 1-888-442-4551

# Questions?

